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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR TROPICAL STORM
AND HURRICANE RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS APPROVED

REF: STATE 49329

¶1. On May 16, Econoff initiated efforts with MilGroup Air Force South Air Operations and Coordination Cell (AAOCC) Office to request diplomatic overflight clearance for tropical storm and hurricane reconnaissance aircraft from the GOC in accordance with reftel. AAOCC made the request to the Colombian Director of Navigational Affairs of the GOC Air Force (DINAV). On May 23, DINAV advised AAOCC that the request had been approved and appropriate documentation will follow the week of May 27. Post will forward when received.

¶2. Econoff also contacted the Colombian Ministry of External Relations (MRE) North America Desk Officer Claudia Cuevas and delivered demarche. Cuevas agreed to distribute demarche information to appropriate GOC agencies.

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